



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PRESIDENT
& BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF BEECHER
HELD AT THE BEECHER VILLAGE HALL,
625 DIXIE HIGHWAY, BEECHER, ILLINOIS
OCTOBER 12, 2021 -- 7:00 P.M.**

All present joined in the Pledge to the Flag.

President Meyer called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: President Meyer and Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF PRESENT: Clerk Janett Conner, Administrator Robert Barber, Public Works Superintendent Matt Conner, Chief Terry Lemming, Treasurer Donna Rooney, Officer Roger Sipple and EMA Director Bob Heim.

GUESTS: Kimberly Benoit and James Shannon from Lucky Linda's.

President Meyer asked for consideration of the minutes of the September 27, 2021 Board meeting. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the minutes as written. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

RECOGNITION OF AUDIENCE

None.

CLERK'S REPORT

1) A report was provided of income received in September, 2021. 2) Clerk Conner asked about changing the fee for the late purchase of dog tags from \$15 to \$20. The Board would like to focus on enforcement next year instead of raising the fee.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE COMMISSIONS

Superintendent Conner provided a Beautification Commission report. He said the flowers are coming down due to weather changing and some mums will be put in around town. Board discussed that a resident wants to donate an "orb" from the play "Wicked" and we need to find a spot for it. President Meyer will talk to Women's Club about putting it at their park. If not, it can go by the Village Hall.

Trustee Kraus provided results of the 4th in the Fall fest. Preliminary treasurer's report shows the festival did quite well and there is plenty to fund next year's celebration. It was one of the top grossing festivals. Expenses were much lower this year. Trustee Gianotti reported that Chuck Hoehn is now going to be a Commission member and will no longer serve as President. Trustee Kraus thanked everyone who helped out.

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a Youth Commission report. The next meeting is Tuesday of next week. New leaders elected were Jessica Smith as President and Hebah Arroyo as Vice President. Administrator Barber reported that he would like to see a police liaison attend their meetings again and he will work on this with Chief Lemming.

Trustee Kypuros reported that the next Historic Preservation Commission meeting is scheduled for October 20th at 7 p.m. at the Depot.

VILLAGE PRESIDENT REPORT

President Meyer reported that she was approached by individuals who would like to open a "Lucky Linda's" gaming parlor. There were copies of the business concept plan for the parlor provided in the packet for review. The applicants were present to answer questions. They don't have an exact location because they were looking to see if Village Board would issue a liquor license. They are looking for beer and wine only license. Board was asked for their thoughts on this concept. President Meyer said she would be in contact with them.

A report on the meeting with Will County on truck traffic and movements in eastern Will County was provided. A group of eastern Will County mayors met with County representatives the previous Wednesday to discuss road and truck routes. There were discussions about how dangerous County Line and Route #1 is and many County officials present weren't aware of this.

President Meyer appointed Steven Barber to the 4th of July Commission. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve President Meyer's appointment. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

A. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report of financial activity in the prior month. Treasurer Rooney was present and provided a report. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Variance reports for the previous month were included in the packet for review.

Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve payment of the list of bills in the amount of \$470,531.99 and payroll for the previous month. Trustee Stacey seconded the motion.



AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.
 NAYS: (0) None.
 Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1355 – An Ordinance authorizing the execution of a loan agreement with First Community Bank and Trust in the amount of \$254,000 for the splash pad project in Firemen’s Park. The loan will have an interest rate of 1.91% based on a ten-year term with interest only payments required on a monthly basis until April 30, 2022, with the principal balance amortized over the remaining ten-year term with monthly payments of principal and interest. Treasurer Rooney reported that she solicited five different banks and received three proposals from local banks to borrow the required \$254,000 for a splash pad loan, and First Community Bank and Trust had the best terms and rates. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1355. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.
 NAYS: (0) None.
 Motion Carried.

Trustee Kypuros provided a report on the annual TIF District Joint Review Board meeting held the previous week. A copy of the agenda was provided in the packet for review. A disbursement was approved. No new activity and not much to report. It was noted that the Village also needs to appoint a new citizen at large to the Joint Review Board before next year’s meeting.

ORDINANCE #1356 – An Ordinance to approve an intergovernmental agreement for the joint purchase and use of fuel and the sharing of tanks for a period of four years commencing November 1, 2021 and ending October 31, 2025. Trustee Kypuros reported that the Village will be receiving an extra \$100 per month for administration of the fuel system. Trustee Kypuros made a motion to approve Ordinance #1356. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.
 NAYS: (0) None.
 Motion Carried.

B. PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND PROPERTIES, PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Tieri made a motion to approve a proposal to re-key Public Works facilities in the amount of \$6,903.05 from Lockout Express of Schererville, IN using IPRF grant funds. Trustee Juzeszyn seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.
 NAYS: (0) None.
 Motion Carried.

A splash pad update was provided. Trustee Tieri reported that the grass has started growing and concrete work is done. Still waiting on the flooring pad once concrete has cured. There is still some electrical work that needs to be done. Administrator Barber asked if we should add video surveillance of the splash pad for security reasons. Board members agreed that this is needed. Chief Lemming will look into this.

C. PLANNING, BUILDING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Building Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

A report on the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZC) administrative hearing on the appeal to sprinkler requirements at 610 Gould Street was provided. After about 90 minutes of testimony and deliberation the PZC denied the appeal based on the blueprint that was submitted for the project. The applicant was advised to work with the Building Department and the Fire District to design a plan that would work with or without sprinklers. It was discussed that it would have been best if they worked with all of the agencies before it had to go to a final appeal. It was also asked why the person from Safebuilt that was familiar with the issue was not present at the hearing. Trustee Kraus asked that the code review process between the Fire Department and Building Department be reviewed. It was questioned why Safebuilt could not give a clear answer as to the sprinkler requirements. Administration Barber will set up a meeting with the Fire District and Building Department to discuss some of these issues.

D. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

Trustee Kraus reported that the Corporal promotion process has begun. Written testing will occur at the end of this month, and then further testing will be in December.

Trick or Treat hours have been set for 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, October 31st. Both EMA and the Police Department will be out that afternoon patrolling and interacting with the families. The Lions Club will provide activities and hot dogs for the kids in Firemen's Park from 5-7 p.m.

The Police Department is planning to apply for a grant for license plate readers (LPRs) at all entrances to the Village. These readers watch for plates that have been tagged as stolen, revoked, suspended or wanted for some other criminal activity. Cost is approximately \$27,500 per year and the grant will pay for this cost for two years. Chief Lemming reported on how LPRs worked with reporting. The Chief is also applying for a reimbursement for in-car cameras that we already have.

The Police Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

The EMA monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

Trustee Kraus requested an Executive Session be held at the end of the meeting to discuss three part-time officer candidates.

E. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve a proposal from Energenecs to upgrade the SCADA system at well #4 and at the booster station, for \$12,600. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE #1357 – An Ordinance authorizing the Village President and Clerk to execute a project crossing agreement with the Trim Creek Drainage District #3 for the Penfield Street culvert. A \$2,000 fee for the plan review is also forthcoming but IDOT has agreed to reimburse the Village for 80% of that bill when PE2 reimbursements come through. Trustee Gianotti made a motion to approve Ordinance #1357. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Water Department monthly report was provided in the packet for review.

F. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Trustee Juzeszyn provided a report on the results of a Night of Music in the Park held Saturday evening in Firemen's Park. He said the event was a great success and estimated 250 people in attendance. Trustee Juzeszyn thanked the Police Department, Public Works and EMA for their work for the event. He also thanked the Beecher Lions Club, Ken Bobowski, Donna Barber, Sit-N-Bull and Phil Salmen for all of the help they gave, and Trustee Gianotti for all of the work he did getting ready for the event. Administrator Barber asked how many events the Village should have next year and how much to budget for. Trustee Juzeszyn estimated ten events and suggested a budget total of \$10,000 for the whole next year.

Clerk Conner reported that the Fall newsletter has been sent to the printer and should be mailed at the end of the week.

G. OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Kraus mentioned that prior to the last Board meeting when the committee met with the architect regarding a new police station, that no options were eliminated. All options along with committee recommendations will be presented to the Village Board before moving forward

Trustee Kraus reported that the Police Department will hold a self-defense class on November 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Hall.

Brandt Excavating will begin lead service line replacement next week. According to Superintendent Conner they have only found 60 lead services lines to-date to be replaced. However, there are still quite a few residents who have not responded to the notices from Brandt.

Administrator Barber asked if Village Board wants to meet the week of Thanksgiving. A meeting will be held on November 22nd. The meeting for December 27th will be cancelled.

I. NEW BUSINESS

There being no further business to discuss in regular session, Trustee Kraus made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss the hiring of new part-time Police officers. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to return from Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. Trustee Kypuros seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Trustee Kraus made a motion to approve a conditional offer of employment to three new part-time Police officers: Richard Reimer, Timothy Cristelli and Dylan Certa. Trustee Tieri seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

The Board recessed for five minutes and then returned to continue strategic planning.

There being no further business after strategic planning, President Meyer asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee

Gianotti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Kraus seconded the motion.

AYES: (6) Trustees Kypuros, Juzeszyn, Gianotti, Tieri, Stacey and Kraus.

NAYS: (0) None.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:



Janett Conner
Village Clerk